

## IN OUR COMMUNITY, EVERYONE BELONGS

EVERY PERSON IS BLESSED WITH A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE; complete with their own unique skills and talents. Those with developmental disabilities are no different. They are the students, athletes, employees, volunteers, and family members of our community. They have just as much to offer as the rest of us, but often, social and physical barriers prevent them from fully participating in community life.

Community Living Oshawa/Clarington (CLOC) provides services to children, adults and families who live with developmental disabilities, such as autism and down syndrome, so they can take on important social roles, and become valued, contributing members of the community, but we need your help! The Government provides basic funding for CLOC's operations, but a shortage in resources, growing and changing needs of the people we serve, and an aging population put a strain on our budgets. CLOC is asked to do more with less funding each and every year.

In response to the growing needs of the people we serve and their families, CLOC undertakes several fundraising initiatives each year. These fundraising endeavours aim to raise money to fulfill two main gaps that CLOC currently faces; continuing to provide a great **Quality of Life** for the people we serve, including community involvement, augmented communication tools, respite care, health and safety and more personalized opportunities for inclusion, and **Bricks and Mortar**, which ensures that people live in safe homes that are adapted to their needs.

As part of the plan for 2025, CLOC will be presenting a **Virtual Silent Auction** during the month of May. We hope that you will consider contributing an item or service to be auctioned off, or, if you would prefer, a monetary donation in order to help us reach our goals. Every penny counts! What a great way to promote your community-minded business - donors will be recognized via social media, and donations are receipted as per the guidelines of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Let us know how YOU plan to make a difference. Please complete the attached Commitment Form and return to CLOC. Correspondence regarding the **Virtual Silent Auction** can be addressed to Marnie Salenius, Manager – Resource Development & Public Relations at 905-576-3011 x 304 or [msalenius@communitylivingoc.ca](mailto:msalenius@communitylivingoc.ca).

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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